Docket No.: HINZE 1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

For: BACTERICIDAL TREATMENT ...

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

## REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application PCT/IB99/01700, filed 18 October 1999 which designated the United States, and which international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in the English language.